Mauritania investment summary



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Overview: Current country program established in 2008. Focus is working with agricultural groups and women's collectives. USADF currently manages a portfolio of 22 projects. Total commitment is \$2.3 million.



Grantee	Duration	Value	Summary
Agropastorale Cooperative of Houdallaye 2196-MRT	2010-2014	\$244,210	Services (Drinking Water): Houdallaye is a cooperative with 450 members, organized to support recently returned refugees in the Brakna region of Mauritania. USADF funds will create more available water resources, which in turn will enable the cooperative to provide more support and improve living conditions for the refugees.
Women's Cooperative of N'Doukougne 2369-MRT	2011-2014	\$97,147	Food Production (Vegetables): Ndoukougne is a gardening cooperative of 289 women members that aims to create income generating activities and promote nutrition among local populations. USADF funds will be used to build capacity in financial and administrative management, provide business training, improve technical knowledge, and develop resources to help members produce fruit and vegetables.
Gounasse Noforé Bamtare Agricultural Cooperative 2430-MRT	2011-2014	\$93,367	Food Production (Vegetables): Gounasse Noforé Bamtare is a gardening cooperative of 38 members who were repatriated to Mauritania after the events of 1989. USADF funding will be used to build capacity in financial and administrative management, improve technical skills, and develop water resources to help members meet market demands and improve income.
Saada Agricultural Cooperative 2441-MRT	2011-2014	\$95,644	Food Production (Vegetables): Saada is a women's gardening cooperative of 141 members promoting vegetables production and animal husbandry activities to create income and resources for its members. USADF funds will be used to build capacity in financial and administrative management, provide business training, improve technical knowledge, and develop resources to help members meet market demands.
Nejah Agropastoral Cooperative 2519-MRT	2011-2014	\$89,725	Food Production (Vegetables): Nejah is an agro-pastoral gardening cooperative of 21 women members who share resources to create economic opportunities in gardening and small income generating activities. USADF funds will be used to provide a well, a motor pump, and training and technical assistance, while also building organizational capacity in financial and administrative management.
El Jid Wel Mouthabara Agropastoral Cooperative 2528-MRT	2011-2014	\$81,830	Food Production (Vegetables): El Jid Wel Mouthabara is an agro-pastoral gardening cooperative of 50 members interested in promoting women's incomes and improving community nutrition. USADF funds will be used to purchase a motor pump and fencing for the garden, provide business training, improve technical knowledge, and develop resources to build capacity in financial and administrative management systems.
Zazou Economic Interest Group 2556-MRT	2011-2015	\$192,631	Manufacturing (Plastic Recycling): Zazou is a network of 105 cooperatives, representing more than 1,500 women. GIE Zazou members collect and recycle plastic waste into crushed plastics that can be aggregated and sold to companies that manufacture finished products. USADF funding will replace old machines and identify regional markets as well as investigate the potential for diversification into other handcrafted items.

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Departmental Union of Women's Cooperatives (UCFDM) 2684-MRT	2012-2015	\$92,838	Food Production (Vegetables and Livestock): UCDFM is a union of 117 women's gardening cooperatives representing 5,000 members promoting vegetables production and animal husbandry activities to create income and resources for its members. USADF funds will be used to build capacity in financial and administrative management, provide business training, improve technical knowledge, & develop resources to help members meet market demand.
El Mouna Khadima Cooperative 2706-MRT	2012-2015	\$85,801	Food Production (Vegetables): El Mouna is a women's gardening cooperative of 18 members promoting vegetable production to create income and resources for its members. USADF funds will be used to deepening a well and develop an irrigation system, build capacity in financial and administrative management, provide business training, improve technical knowledge, and develop resources to help members meet market demands.
Legneiba Agro-Pastoral Cooperative 2786-MRT	2012-2015	\$68,181	Food Production (Vegetables): Legneiba is an agro-pastoral gardening cooperative of 38 women members who share resources to create economic opportunities in gardening and small income generating activities. USADF funds will be used to deepening a well and develop an irrigation system, build capacity in financial and administrative management, provide business training, improve technical knowledge, and develop resources to help members meet market demands.
Tewvigh Agro-Pastoral Cooperative 2787-MRT	2012-2015	\$74,949	Food Production (Vegetables): Tewvigh is an agro-pastoral gardening cooperative of 28 members interested in promoting women's incomes and improving community nutrition. USADF funds will be used to deepening a well and develop an irrigation system, build capacity in financial and administrative management, provide business training, improve technical knowledge, and develop resources to help members meet market demands.
Union of Oases Associations in the Adrar (UNASOAD) 2791-MRT	2012-2015	\$192,145	Food Production (Vegetables and Dates): UNASOAD is a union of 25 associations representing more than 6,000 producers established to help organize member activities and improve marketing strategies. Producers grow carrots and dates, but are looking to diversify production to expand into new markets. USADF funding will develop a storage warehouse, purchase a truck to facilitate transport, supply working capital to acquire agricultural inputs, and provide for training in financial and administrative management, improved production techniques, processing and conservation techniques, procurement, and marketing.
Tadamoune El Intaj Union 2827-MRT	2013-2015	\$82,866	Food Production (Vegetables): Tadamoune is a union of seven agro-pastoral gardening cooperatives representing 111 members (108 women) interested in helping members improve production and organize marketing opportunities. USADF funds will be used to make improvements to existing water systems and infrastructure, supply working capital to acquire agricultural inputs, build capacity in financial and administrative management, provide business training, improve technical knowledge, and develop resources to help members meet market demands.
Union of Participatory Management Associations of Oases of the Two Hodhs (UAGPOH) 2856-MRT	2013-2015	\$98,141	Food Production (Vegetables): UAGPOH is a union of 20 associations representing nearly 3,000 people established to help organize member activities and improve marketing strategies. USADF funds will be used for working capital to purchase production inputs and small agricultural equipment; as well as cover training sessions on financial and administrative management, improved production techniques, processing and conservation techniques, procurement and marketing.
Coopérative pour le Développement de Tichilit El Khadim et Environs 2896-MRT	2013-2015	\$91,330	Food Production (Vegetables): Tichilit is an agro-pastoral gardening cooperative of 273 active members who share resources to create economic opportunities in gardening and small income generating activities. USADF funds will improve the water supply system, use new and appropriate technologies to increase garden productivity, and build the organization and management capacities of the Cooperative in order to make it possible to increase members' income and improve livelihoods in their area.

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Cooperative Agricole El Houda 2970-MRT	2013-2015	\$88,046	Agro-Pastoral (Dairy and Vegetables): El Houda was created to improve the standard of living and working conditions of its members by focusing on animal husbandry and market gardening. The project will increase the Cooperative's members' incomes by providing funds to build a fenced area where livestock will be nourished and marketed. Funds will improve the functioning of an existing well to satisfy the water demand of animals, as well as irrigate an existing market garden for vegetable production. The Cooperative will be able to manage a working capital fund to purchase livestock feed and veterinary products.
Cooperative Kawral 2990-MRT	2014-2016	\$92,453	Animal Fattening (Livestock): Cooperative Kawral is an agro-pastoral cooperative based in the village of Wendou Simbane, department of Tintane in the Hodh El Gharbi Region. The proposed project will allow the Cooperative to expand their animal fattening activities by providing working capital to purchase livestock feed and veterinary products. Cooperative members will receive training on animal fattening, improved health and veterinary practices, and further business and financial management capacity building.
Lithi Had El Amme / Iguini El Oula 3023-MRT	2014-2016	\$94,245	Food Production (Vegetables): Iguinni El Oula Union is based in the village of Iguinni of the Hodh-El-Gharbi region. The project will improve the Union's capacity to increase their production by ensuring a reliable water supply to the garden by setting up a borehole extraction system. Funds will allow the Union to expand their cultivation plot to 2 hectares by installing a new irrigation system and building a fence around it to protect it from roaming animals.
Coopérative Agricole Falo Kone 3049-MRT	2014-2016	98,788	Food Production (Rice): The Cooperative Falo Kone is located in the commune of Tekane. The project will improve the Cooperative's capacity to increase their production by ensuring a reliable water supply to the garden by rehabilitating the feeder canal and setting up water committees for its maintenance. Funds will also develop an area of 18 hectares to be devoted for rice and 5 hectares for vegetable production to increase dramatically the volume of agricultural production for group members' home consumption and sale.
Coopérative El Emen Berbâré 3163-MRT	2014-2016	\$85,527	Food Production (Vegetables): Cooperative El Emen seeks to improve the standard of living of its 60 members by producing and selling of vegetables. Funds will allow the Cooperative to improve their two hectare plot by installing a new irrigation system and fencing it to protect it from roaming animals. The Cooperative will set up a borehole extraction system that will provide a reliable and constant source of water to the production perimeter. These activities will enable Cooperative members to dramatically increase the volume of vegetables sold and the profit earned by group members.
Union des Coopératives Raja de Gaat Teydouma 3166-MRT	2014-2016	\$98,952	Food Production (Vegetables): Union Raja seeks to improve the standard of living of its 200 members by producing and selling of vegetables .Funds will allow the Union to expand their cultivation plot to three hectares by installing a new irrigation system and building a fence around it to protect it from roaming animals. This expansion will enable Union members to dramatically increase the volume of vegetables sold and the profit earned by group members.
Ganki Toro Women's Agricultural Cooperative 3208-MRT	2014-2017	\$132,510	Food Production (Vegetables): Ganki Toro is an agro-pastoral cooperative of 115 members with the objective to promote farming and animal husbandry activities. This follow-on project will assist the Cooperative to develop 12.2 hectares by installing a new irrigation system and building a fence around it to protect it from roaming animals. This expansion will enable Ganki Toro members to dramatically increase the volume of vegetables sold and the profit earned by cooperative members.